



# BIOGRAPHY



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## **STATE COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT HENRY V. FERNANDEZ**



State Command Chief Master Sergeant Henry V. Fernandez is the adviser to the Commander of the California Air National Guard (CA ANG) on matters concerning welfare, morale, effective utilization and progress of the enlisted members of the CA ANG. He is the eighth Chief Master Sergeant appointed to the state's highest noncommissioned officer position.

Chief Fernandez was born in Fresno, California. His background is in Industrial Arts and Personnel Management. He entered the Air Force in November 1970 as an Electrical Specialist excelling in interior electrical systems. He cross-trained into exterior electrical and electrical power production, which enabled him to progress in rank and responsibility. As a civilian Chief Fernandez is

employed by the State of California, Department of parks and Recreation as a Water and Sewage Treatment Supervisor. Before assuming his current position in July 2001, he served as the Command Chief Master for the 144<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing (FW) at Fresno ANG, CA.

### **EDUCATION AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND:**

1974 - 1976 Industrial Arts, Personnel

1997 – Operations Desert Shield/Storm

1982 – USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Correspondence

1997 – Human Resource Management, Personnel Administration, CCAF

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with one device  
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak cluster  
Air Force Longevity Service Award with six devices  
National Defense Service Medal  
Air Force Training Ribbon  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal  
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with eight devices  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four devices  
Foreign-Décor:  
AFRESM  
AFRMSM  
California good Conduct ribbon with two bronze diamonds  
California Drill Attendance Award with 14 Devices

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

1970 - Airman Basic  
1971 - Airman First Class  
1972 - Senior Airman  
1973 - Sergeant  
1974 - Staff Sergeant  
1976 - Technical Sergeant  
1981 - Master Sergeant  
1985 - Senior Master Sergeant  
1993 - Chief Master Sergeant

(Current as of September 2001)